

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3745



Introduced by Rep. LORETO B. ACHARON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The very first Rotary Club in the Philippines opened its doors on June 1, 1919, when the Rotary Club of Manila was chartered through the efforts of Rotarian Roger Pinneo of Seattle, Washington, USA who travelled to the Philippines specifically to organize Rotary Clubs in Asia.

As one of the leading humanitarian service organizations in the world, Rotary brings together leaders from the business and professional sectors and provide community service, promote integrity, and advance goodwill, peace, and understanding in the communities where Rotary Clubs are active.

Today, Rotary Clubs in the Philippines continue to extend social and community services for the youth, and vulnerable sectors of society through outreach programs and scholarship foundations most notable in fact is the continuing advocacy and campaign to end polio.

This bill therefore seeks to declare February 23 of every year as a special working holiday in recognition and appreciation of the contributions that more than 900 Rotary Clubs in the Philippines have extended to our respective communities.

As a Past President of the Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas in the City of General Santos, Rotary International District 3860, I can do no less.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING FEBRUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE
KNOWN AS "NATIONAL ROTARY DAY"

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "National Rotary Day".

SEC. 2. National Rotary Day. - February 23 of every year is hereby declared as "National Rotary Day" in recognition of the invaluable socio-civic contributions of Rotary International through the Rotary Districts and the Rotary Clubs in the Philippines to our communities.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED.